
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5532

AN ACT CONCERNING BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.

SUMMARY:

This bill eliminates mixed martial arts (MMA) promoters' liability to pay any health care costs an MMA competitor incurs from an injury, illness, disease, or condition resulting from an MMA match for as long as the illness, disease, or condition lasts. The bill, instead, requires MMA promoters to provide insurance to reimburse injured competitors for medical, dental, surgical, and hospital care, just as boxing and sparring promoters must do under existing regulations (Conn Agencies Reg. § 29-143j-37). The bill also codifies the insurance requirement for boxing and sparring promoters.

The bill applies to any person, firm, or corporation that employs or contracts with someone to box or compete in an MMA, boxing, or sparring match.

It requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 1 (03/13/2014)